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SUBJECT:: RWANDA: REQUEST FOR UN TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. DURING THEIR MEETING MAY 27 IN THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT CLINTON AND BOUTROS-GHALI DISCUSSED THE ONGOING CRISIS IN RWANDA. BOUTROS-GHALI INDICATED THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTING TROOPS AND

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OTHER PERSONNEL TO THE EXPANDED UNAMIR FORCE AS CALLED FOR IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 918 . PRESIDENT CLINTON AND BOUTROS-GHALI AGREED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO URGE THESE COUNTRIES TO DO SO. THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN PARA 3 BELOW ARE FOR USE BY USUN AND ACTION ADDRESSES TO MAKE A SIMULTANEOUS DEMARCHE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RELEVANT UN FERM REPS IN NEW YORK AND TO GOVERNMENTS IN CAPITALS TO URGE THEM TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO UNAMIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH AS MUCH OF THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMAR

**3. BEGIN TALKING POINTS.**

-- PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMAIN EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ON-GOING TRAGEDY IN RWANDA THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT DEMANDS IMMEDIATE INTERNATIONAL ACTION, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENTS LIKE YOURS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERING IN RWANDA.

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-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACTIONS OUTLINED IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 918 APPROVED ON MAY 17 REPRESENT A CRITICAL STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED TO VOTE FOR THAT RESOLUTION AND WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD ITS IMPLEMENTATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT ETHIOPIA, GHANA, SENEGAL AND ZIMBABWE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO THE UN THEIR PLANS TO MAKE TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. THESE COMMITMENTS, HOWEVER WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPLY THE 5,500 TROOPS ENVISIONED IN UNSCR 918

-- UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS-GHALI HAS INDICATED TO US THAT YOUR COUNTRY MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION OF THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT PARTICULARLY BY SUPPLYING MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER HIS REQUEST TO YOU.

-- WE WOULD FURTHER URGE THAT YOU CONSIDER PROVIDING PERSONNEL OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY WITH YOUR OWN COUNTRY'S BEST EQUIPMENT. IF YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT FOR EQUIPMENT OR TRANSPORT NEEDS, YOU SHOULD INFORM THE UN SECRETARIAT OF

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YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

END TALKING POINTS.

4. FOR ADDIS ABABA YOU ARE NOT REQUESTED TO MAKE A  
DEMARCHE TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT URGING IT TO  
CONTRIBUTE TROOPS SINCE IT HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO THE UN  
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ITS PLAN TO DO SO. HOWEVER YOU SHOULD BRIEF OAU SYG  
SALIM SALIM THAT WE ARE MAKING THIS REQUEST TO OTHER  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON BEHALF OF THE UN SYG BOUTROS-GHALI.  
WE WOULD HOPE THAT SALIM SALIM COULD FOLLOW-UP ON OUR  
REQUEST BY INFORMING THESE COUNTRIES THAT HE IS SUPPORTIVE  
OF THE UN'S AND OUR EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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